

COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: October 2013 – O-404

2013-2014 Goals Educational Standards Subcommittee

1. Consider a proposed extension of the deadline for the submission of the Annual Compliance Report by all California-Accredited Law Schools.

October 2013

2. Consider a proposed interpretation of Guideline 12.1 to allow California-Accredited Law Schools to calculate and report accurately their respective cumulative bar examination pass rates (CBEPR) in their 2013 Annual Compliance Report.

October 2013

3. Consider whether Certification/Graduation should be conditioned upon the completion of certain non-classroom related activities and the role of commercial bar review courses in awarding credit for bar review courses. .

October 2013

4. Consider revising the guidelines for eligibility determinations related to determining the eligibility of foreign-educated applicants to take the California Bar Examination to include other credential services.

October 2013

5. Consider a revision to Rule 4.165(B) of the *Accredited Law School Rules* to provide a comprehensive and accurate definition of a “branch” campus for purposes of the Committee of Bar Examiners prior approval of a major change request from a California-Accredited law school to open a branch campus.

October 2013/January 2014

6. Consider the Committee’s continuing role, pursuant to Guideline 13.1 of the *Guidelines for Accredited Law School Rules* and Guideline 1.2 of the *Guidelines for Implementation of Chapter 2, Rule 4.30 of the Admission Rules*, of continuing to grant either its “acquiescence” to the issuance of a LL.M. degrees offered by ABA-approved and California Accredited Law Schools to Foreign Educated Applicants or its permission for such Applicants to complete twenty (20) semester or equivalent units in specified legal education at an ABA-approved or California-accredited law school, to be qualified to take the California Bar Examination.

March 2014

7. Consider the recommendations of the Working Group in regard to necessary amendments to the California Rules of Court, the *Unaccredited Law School Rules, Guidelines for Unaccredited Law Rules*, and the *Accredited Law School Rules and Guidelines for Accredited Law School Rules* to carry out the Committee's concepts that have been approved in principle with regard to clarifying that the Committee has no role in the oversight of non-law school programs, requiring that unaccredited law schools eventually become accredited and permitting distance-learning law schools to become accredited..

June 2014

8. Consider recommendations from the Committee's Advisory Committee on California Accredited Law School Rules regarding proposed amendments to the *Accredited Law School Rules and Guidelines for Accredited Law School Rules*.

Ongoing

9. Consider petitions received from accredited and registered, unaccredited law schools seeking individual waivers of the Committee's policies, procedures, rules and guidelines.

Monthly

10. Consider reports on pending applications for provisional, accreditation and registration, other and new law degree programs and requests for prior approval of major changes. Participate in law school visitations as scheduled and needed. Consider reports of periodic inspections of accredited and registered unaccredited law schools and inspections performed in response to the issuance of Notices of Noncompliance; Generally monitor the law school accreditation and registration process and the educational requirements for applicants seeking to qualify to take and pass the California Bar Examination.

Monthly

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